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Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement and Notice to Comply with the Requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825 mailed August 13, 2002.

Applicant's attorney respectfully request the following amendments:

In the Specification

Please replace which starts on line 3, page 14 with the following:

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Cleaning sequences early offers several advantages. Poor quality sequences may interfere with sequence clustering and alignment tools' capability to refine clusters and align assemblies. For example, the following sequence has a high low-complexity region (underlined region):

SEQ ID NO: 01 attccgggttagcctgacccgcgcgcgcgcgcg

[Please replace which starts on line 9, page 14 with the following:]